

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) An artificial fingernail tip, comprising a nail body made from transparent material and having a nail base portion, a nail tip portion and a dividing line between the nail base portion and the nail tip portion, the nail base portion being entirely substantially transparent and corresponding in size and shape to the distal end of a natural fingernail and adapted to be adhered to the distal end of the natural fingernail allowing at least a portion of the nail bed of a natural fingernail to be visible therethrough, and the nail tip portion being provided with a continuous opaque decoration which obscures at least a portion of a nail tip of a natural fingernail when the artificial fingernail tip is applied over the natural fingernail, wherein the continuous opaque decoration comprises paint covering a substantial portion of the nail tip portion to give the appearance of a French manicure.

9. (Original) The artificial fingernail tip as defined in Claim 8, wherein the dividing line is at an angle with respect to a transition line of a natural nail from bed to tip when the artificial fingernail is applied over the natural fingernail.

10. (Original) The artificial fingernail tip as defined in Claim 8, wherein the dividing line is generally aligned with a transition line of a natural nail from bed to tip when the artificial fingernail is applied over the natural fingernail.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) The artificial fingernail tip as defined in Claim 8, wherein the paint is white and the substantial portion is the entire tip portion.

13. (Original) The artificial fingernail tip as defined in Claim 8, further comprising decorative designs applied over the fingernail tip.

14. (Original) The artificial fingernail tip as defined in Claim 8, further comprising a transparent sealer applied over the artificial nail tip, to protect the decoration.

15. (Currently Amended) An artificial fingernail kit, comprising:
at least ten artificial fingernail tips ~~fingernails~~, each tip nail ~~nail~~ comprising a nail body made from transparent plastic and having a nail bed portion, a nail tip portion and a dividing line between the nail bed portion and the nail tip portion, the nail bed portion being entirely substantially transparent and corresponding in size and shape to ~~at least~~ the distal end of a natural fingernail and adapted to be adhered to the distal end of a natural fingernail allowing at least a portion of the natural nail bed to be visible therethrough, at least a portion of the nail tip portion having a continuous opaque decoration which obscures a natural nail tip when said artificial fingernail tip is applied over a natural fingernail, said continuous opaque decoration

comprising paint covering a substantial portion of the nail tip portion to give the appearance of a French manicure; and

an adhesive, wherein natural nail color is visible through the adhesive and artificial nail tip when the artificial nail tip is applied to a natural nail with the adhesive.

16. (Currently Amended) An artificial fingernail kit, comprising:

at least ten artificial fingernail tips ~~fingernails~~, each tip nail comprising a nail body made from transparent plastic and having a nail bed portion, a nail tip portion and a dividing line between the nail bed portion and the nail tip portion, the nail bed portion being entirely substantially transparent and corresponding in size and shape to at least the distal end of a natural fingernail and adapted to be adhered to the distal end of a natural fingernail allowing at least a portion of the natural nail bed to be visible therethrough, at least a portion of the nail tip portion having a continuous opaque decoration which obscures a natural nail tip when said artificial fingernail tip is applied over a natural fingernail; and

an adhesive, wherein natural nail color is visible through the adhesive and artificial nail tip when the artificial nail tip is applied to a natural nail with the adhesive, wherein the adhesive is translucent pink.

17. (Original) The artificial fingernail kit as defined in Claim 15, further comprising a transparent filler comprising a powder component and a liquid component, wherein said filler creates a smooth transition between an artificial nail and the natural nail bed when applied and creates a transparent coating so that the natural nail bed is visible through the nail bed portion of the artificial nail.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of applying artificial fingernail tips ~~fingernails~~, comprising:

applying an adhesive to an artificial nail tip, said artificial nail tip comprising a nail body made from transparent material and having a nail bed portion, a nail tip portion and a dividing line between the nail bed portion and the nail tip portion, the nail bed portion being

entirely substantially transparent and corresponding in size and shape and adapted to be adhered to ~~at least~~ the distal end of a natural fingernail and said nail tip portion being provided with a continuous opaque decoration which obscures at least a portion of a natural nail tip when said artificial fingernail tip is applied over a natural fingernail, wherein said adhesive is substantially contacted with the nail bed portion only and wherein said continuous opaque decoration comprises paint covering a substantial portion of the nail tip portion to give the appearance of a French manicure; and

placing the nail bed portion over a natural nail bed such that at least a portion of the natural nail bed is visible through the adhesive and the nail bed portion of the artificial nail tip and at least a portion of the natural nail tip is obscured by the tip portion of the artificial nail tip.

19. (Currently Amended) A method of applying artificial fingernail tips ~~fingernails~~, comprising:

applying an adhesive to an artificial nail tip, said artificial nail tip comprising a nail body made from transparent material and having a nail bed portion, a nail tip portion and a dividing line between the nail bed portion and the nail tip portion, the nail bed portion being entirely substantially transparent and corresponding in size and shape and adapted to be adhered to ~~at least~~ the distal end of a natural fingernail and said nail tip portion being provided with a continuous opaque decoration which obscures at least a portion of a natural nail tip when said artificial fingernail tip is applied over a natural fingernail, wherein said adhesive is substantially contacted with the nail bed portion only and wherein the adhesive is translucent pink; and

placing the nail bed portion over a natural nail bed such that at least a portion of the natural nail bed is visible through the adhesive and the nail bed portion of the artificial nail tip and at least a portion of the natural nail tip is obscured by the tip portion of the artificial nail tip.

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20. (Original) The method as defined in Claim 18, further comprising the step of applying a transparent acrylic filler to the natural nail bed to create a smooth transition between the natural nail bed and artificial nail.